

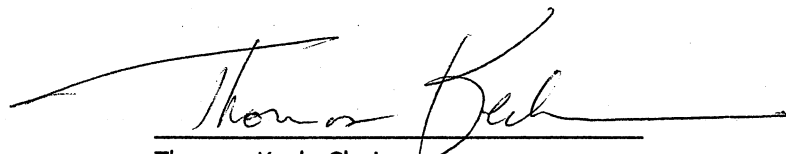
**2013 Annual Report**  
**South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards**  
**Commission**

The Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission hereby makes and files this report with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing possible violations of the code of ethics for teachers. When the Commission determines that cause exists to believe a teacher has violated the code of ethics, the commission holds a contested case hearing. Ultimately, the Commission may reprimand or recommend a disciplinary action which may be implemented by the appropriate governing body against a member of the teaching profession if the member has been determined by the Commission to have violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission files a written complaint with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

During calendar year 2013, the Commission met on seven occasions and reviewed three complaints filed in 2012 and five complaints filed in 2013. The Commission held three contested hearings in 2013. The Commission issued one public reprimand, three complaints were dismissed and one complaint was referred to the Secretary of Education for revocation. Three complaints remain pending at the end of 2013.

Dated: January 8, 2014, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Keck", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Keck, Chairman  
Professional Teachers Practices & Standards Commission